Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 21, 2010, there were 535,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2010, an increase of 3,100 from July 2010 and 13,800 more than the number employed in August 2009.

Agricultural employment was 44,100 persons in August 2010, up 200 from the July 2010 level but 400 less than the August 2009 agricultural employment level of 44,500. Non-agricultural employment was 491,100 persons in August 2010. This is an increase of 2,900 from the July 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 488,200 and 14,200 more than August 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2010 was 5.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the July 2010 rate of 5.4 percent but 0.4 percentage points lower than the August 2009 level of 6.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,900 to 567,600 persons in August 2010 from 562,700 persons in July 2010. This is 12,500 more than the August 2009 labour force of 555,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.5 percentage points to 71.5 percent in August 2010 from 71.0 percent in July 2010. The August 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.1 percent.

There were 32,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2010. This is an increase of 1,800 from July 2010 but is 1,300 less than the number unemployed in August 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 531,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2010, unchanged from the July 2010 level of 531,400 and is 12,700 up from the August 2009 employment level of 518,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2010 was 4.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the July 2010 rate of 5.1 percent and 0.1 percentage points lower than the August 2009 rate of 4.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 7,800 persons in August 2010 to 17,446,500 persons from 17,454,300 persons in July 2010. In August 2009, there were 17,080,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points to 8.7 percent from the July 2010 level of 8.3 percent. In August 2009, Canada's unemployment rate was 9.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.1 percent in August 2010. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than July 2010 but 0.6 percentage points lower than the August 2009 level of 8.7 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,115.0	19,035.5	18,779.1	79.5	335.9
Employed ('000)	17,446.5	17,454.3	17,080.4	-7.8	366.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,432.3	14,356.6	14,199.7	75.7	232.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,014.3	3,097.8	2,880.7	-83.5	133.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,668.5	1,581.2	1,698.8	87.3	-30.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	8.3	9.0	0.4	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.1	8.0	8.7	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.6	68.6	0.2	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	567.6	562.7	555.1	4.9	12.5
Employed ('000)	535.2	532.1	521.4	3.1	13.8
Full-Time ('000)	446.1	443.6	436.8	2.5	9.3
Part-Time ('000)	89.1	88.6	84.6	0.5	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	32.4	30.6	33.7	1.8	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.4	6.1	0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	5.1	4.9	-0.3	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	71.0	71.1	0.5	0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,177.7	2,171.5	2,166.6	6.2	11.1
Employed ('000)	2,022.0	2,029.6	2,000.4	-7.6	21.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,706.3	1,698.1	1,683.1	8.2	23.2
Part-Time ('000)	315.6	331.5	317.2	-15.9	-1.6
Unemployed ('000)	155.7	141.9	166.2	13.8	-10.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.5	7.7	0.6	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.3	7.3	0.2	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	74.2	74.1	75.3	0.1	-1.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	674.2	667.1	662.7	7.1	11.5
Employed ('000)	628.5	628.1	618.8	0.4	9.7
Full-Time ('000)	521.5	516.9	513.3	4.6	8.2
Part-Time ('000)	107.1	111.2	105.5	-4.1	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	45.7	39.0	44.0	6.7	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	5.8	6.6	1.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.6	5.8	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.8	71.1	71.6	0.7	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	567.6	562.7	555.1	4.9	12.5
Male	305.5	304.5	298.8	1.0	6.7
Female	262.1	258.2	256.2	3.9	5.9
15-24 Years of Age	102.2	105.6	107.5	-3.4	-5.3
25+ Years of age	465.4	457.1	447.6	8.3	17.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	535.2	532.1	521.4	3.1	13.8
Male	290.9	289.1	283.7	1.8	7.2
Female	244.3	243.0	237.7	1.3	6.6
15-24 Years of Age	94.2	96.8	98.9	-2.6	-4.7
25+ Years of age	441.0	435.3	422.5	5.7	18.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	32.4	30.6	33.7	1.8	-1.3
Male	14.6	15.4	15.1	-0.8	-0.5
Female	17.8	15.2	18.6	2.6	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	8.0	8.8	8.6	-0.8	-0.6
25+ Years of age	24.4	21.8	25.1	2.6	-0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.7	5.4	6.1	0.3	-0.4
Male	4.8	5.1	5.1	-0.3	-0.3
Female	6.8	5.9	7.3	0.9	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	7.8	8.3	8.0	-0.5	-0.2
25+ Years of age	5.2	4.8	5.6	0.4	-0.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.5	71.0	71.1	0.5	0.4
Male	77.9	77.8	77.6	0.1	0.3
Female	65.3	64.5	64.7	0.8	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	74.2	76.6	77.3	-2.4	-3.1
25+ Years of age	71.0	69.9	69.7	1.1	1.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.1	43.9	44.5	0.2	-0.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.3	28.9	23.6	-1.6	3.7
Utilities	5.6	5.0	4.7	0.6	0.9
Construction	46.7	47.2	44.5	-0.5	2.2
Manufacturing	32.0	30.7	27.2	1.3	4.8
Trade	83.1	84.0	80.4	-0.9	2.7
Transportation and Warehousing	24.8	24.0	26.8	0.8	-2.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	32.1	30.1	28.2	2.0	3.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.2	24.2	21.2	0.0	3.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.9	12.0	13.0	-0.1	-1.1
Educational Services	29.8	29.2	27.4	0.6	2.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.4	67.8	69.6	1.6	-0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.8	20.0	20.9	-1.2	-2.1
Accommodation and Food Services	31.7	30.4	31.4	1.3	0.3
Other Services	24.2	25.4	25.2	-1.2	-1.0
Public Administration	29.5	29.1	32.7	0.4	-3.2
Total	535.2	532.1	521.4	3.1	13.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	446.1	443.6	436.8	2.5	9.3
Part-Time	89.1	88.6	84.6	0.5	4.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	430.4	427.1	424.2	3.3	6.2
Public Sector	124.3	120.4	127.2	3.9	-2.9
Private Sector	306.0	306.7	297.1	-0.7	8.9
Self-Employed	104.8	105.1	97.2	-0.3	7.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,446.5	17,454.3	17,080.4	-7.8	366.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	236.0	238.5	229.4	-2.5	6.6
Prince Edward Island	77.2	76.7	74.6	0.5	2.6
Nova Scotia	466.1	472.7	462.7	-6.6	3.4
New Brunswick	380.2	378.4	380.3	1.8	-0.1
Quebec	3,988.2	4,021.2	3,904.3	-33.0	83.9
Ontario	6,768.4	6,738.8	6,605.6	29.6	162.8
Manitoba	628.5	628.1	618.8	0.4	9.7
Saskatchewan	535.2	532.1	521.4	3.1	13.8
Alberta	2,022.0	2,029.6	2,000.4	-7.6	21.6
British Columbia	2,344.7	2,338.1	2,282.9	6.6	61.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.7	8.3	9.0	0.4	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.2	13.2	14.3	0.0	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	9.4	9.3	10.3	0.1	-0.9
Nova Scotia	9.7	8.9	9.1	0.8	0.6
New Brunswick	9.5	9.0	9.2	0.5	0.3
Quebec	8.3	7.9	8.9	0.4	-0.6
Ontario	9.8	9.4	10.0	0.4	-0.2
Manitoba	6.8	5.8	6.6	1.0	0.2
Saskatchewan	5.7	5.4	6.1	0.3	-0.4
Alberta	7.1	6.5	7.7	0.6	-0.6
British Columbia	8.1	7.8	8.3	0.3	-0.2

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,216.3	17,216.3	16,820.0	0.0	396.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.4	223.4	215.0	0.0	8.4
Prince Edward Island	72.0	72.0	68.5	0.0	3.5
Nova Scotia	455.6	455.6	453.2	0.0	2.4
New Brunswick	364.8	364.8	366.2	0.0	-1.4
Quebec	3,938.2	3,938.2	3,828.8	0.0	109.4
Ontario	6,684.9	6,684.9	6,522.9	0.0	162.0
Manitoba	621.6	621.6	612.3	0.0	9.3
Saskatchewan	531.4	531.4	518.7	0.0	12.7
Alberta	2,003.9	2,003.9	1,974.9	0.0	29.0
British Columbia	2,320.6	2,320.6	2,259.6	0.0	61.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.1	8.1	8.7	0.0	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	14.0	15.9	0.0	-1.9
Prince Edward Island	11.2	11.2	13.5	0.0	-2.3
Nova Scotia	9.8	9.8	9.3	0.0	0.5
New Brunswick	9.6	9.6	9.1	0.0	0.5
Quebec	8.2	8.2	9.1	0.0	-0.9
Ontario	8.8	8.8	9.3	0.0	-0.5
Manitoba	5.6	5.6	5.8	0.0	-0.2
Saskatchewan	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	-0.1
Alberta	6.5	6.5	7.3	0.0	-0.8
British Columbia	7.3	7.3	7.9	0.0	-0.6

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2010	July 2010	August 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.4	7.7	8.5	0.7	-0.1
Halifax	6.4	6.2	6.9	0.2	-0.5
Saint John	8.8	8.3	5.7	0.5	3.1
Quebec	5.0	5.3	4.7	-0.3	0.3
Montreal	8.4	8.2	9.4	0.2	-1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.4	6.9	5.8	0.5	1.6
Greater Sudbury	10.0	8.7	10.5	1.3	-0.5
Toronto	10.0	9.8	10.9	0.2	-0.9
Winnipeg	6.3	5.9	6.0	0.4	0.3
Regina	5.2	4.8	4.7	0.4	0.5
Saskatoon	6.1	5.9	5.0	0.2	1.1
Calgary	6.8	6.7	7.2	0.1	-0.4
Edmonton	7.2	7.1	7.6	0.1	-0.4
Vancouver	7.8	7.7	7.5	0.1	0.3
Victoria	5.5	5.4	6.1	0.1	-0.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	167.1	164.7	158.5	2.4	8.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.6	54.9	54.8	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	173.8	175.0	176.7	-1.2	-2.9
Yorkton-Melville	42.6	42.5	40.4	0.1	2.2
Prince Albert & Northern	97.6	98.2	97.3	-0.6	0.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jun-Aug 2010	May-Jul 2010	Jun-Aug 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	565.1	563.3	554.4	1.8	10.7
Employed ('000)	534.5	534.1	525.7	0.4	8.8
Unemployed ('000)	30.6	29.2	28.6	1.4	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	5.2	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	71.2	71.1	0.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	67.5	67.4	0.0	0.1
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	522.6	521.1	513.5	1.5	9.1
Employed ('000)	498.7	498.0	491.2	0.7	7.5
Unemployed ('000)	23.9	23.1	22.4	0.8	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.4	4.4	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.8	71.7	71.6	0.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	68.5	68.5	68.5	0.0	0.0
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	42.5	42.2	40.8	0.3	1.7
Employed ('000)	35.7	36.1	34.6	-0.4	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	6.7	6.1	6.3	0.6	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.9	14.4	15.3	1.5	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	65.8	65.1	0.3	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	56.3	55.1	-0.7	0.5
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.7	17.6	16.6	0.1	1.1
Employed ('000)	13.5	13.7	13.0	-0.2	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	3.9	3.6	0.3	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	23.6	22.3	21.7	1.3	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	61.1	60.9	58.8	0.2	2.3
Employment Rate (%)	46.7	47.3	46.1	-0.6	0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	24.2	24.0	24.2	0.2	0.0
Employed ('000)	21.6	21.8	21.5	-0.2	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.1	2.7	0.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.6	8.9	11.0	1.7	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.3	70.3	0.5	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	62.4	63.1	62.6	-0.7	-0.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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